

15 FAM 720 RESIDENCES

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(Office of Origin: OBO)*

15 FAM 721 POLICY

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(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)*

The U.S. Government will supply furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E) for post-required, U.S. Government-held residences of U.S. citizen employees (direct-hire or personal services contractors) hired in the United States.

15 FAM 722 FUNDING

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- a. The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) funds furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E) for permanent residences of the ambassador, deputy chief of mission (DCM), consul general (CG) when principal officer (PO), chief of the liaison office, U.S. interest section PO, and U.S. representative to an international organization abroad, whether such residences are U.S. Government-owned (GO), long-term leased (LTL), or short-term leased (STL). Posts may use maintenance and repair funds for emergency repairs or refurbishments not exceeding \$1,000 per residence per year.
- b. Funding of FFA&E in the case of capital construction projects is subject to agreement between the Department of State and affected agencies.
- c. Regional bureaus fund FFA&E for Department of State program positions either directly or indirectly through an International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS) furniture pool. The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), with reimbursement from the U.S. Marine Corps, funds FFA&E for Marine security guard quarters. ICASS funds FFA&E for ICASS personnel.
- d. The Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (R) is responsible for funding items particular to the needs of public diplomacy (e.g., information resource centers or Worldnet rooms are

considered unique to public diplomacy).

- e. Each individual agency funds FFA&E for its own personnel (either directly or indirectly through an ICASS furniture pool).

15 FAM 723 BASIC FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, APPLIANCES, AND EQUIPMENT (FFA&E), SUPPLEMENTAL FFA&E, AND OTHER ITEMS

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- a. Each agency may provide for its employees the basic (standard) items of furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E) listed in 15 FAM Exhibit 723A. In addition, supplemental FFA&E as listed in 15 FAM Exhibit 723B and other items not listed may be provided, subject to funds availability by each agency and according to post housing agreement.
- b. Special media and other technical equipment required for performance of job-related functions, such as monitoring the local or international media, may continue to be issued on a long- or short-term basis. The provision of multisystem or host-country compatible televisions and VCRs, satellite dishes, etc., and related services may be authorized by the public affairs officer (PAO) for those individuals who have a specific need. If provided, such equipment will be funded from the public diplomacy field allotment.

15 FAM 724 CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

15 FAM 724.1 Quarters for Household Staff

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The Department of State and USAID do not routinely provide funds for furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E) for household staff. The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO), as the sole exception to this restriction, will fund large appliances and floor covering costs with project funds if a kitchen for household staff is part of the construction of a new representational residence.

15 FAM 724.2 Living Quarters Allowance (LQA) Residences

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- a. Posts with living quarters allowance (LQA) residences may authorize the post interagency housing board (IAHB) and the single real property manager (SRPM) to establish a policy and guidelines for the use and provision of furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E) in LQA residences. Each agency funds these items for its personnel.
- b. If established, the post's policy and guidelines for the provision of U.S. Government-owned FFA&E in LQA should include:
 - (1) Procedures for requests;
 - (2) Number and type of items to be provided; and
 - (3) Responsibility for installation, maintenance, and removal of items.

15 FAM 724.3 Individual Requests

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Except for items needed for handicapped and limited mobility employees and family members, requests of individual occupants that do not further post long-range objectives are not considered.

15 FAM 725 MARINE CORPS QUARTERS

15 FAM 725.1 Consolidated Quarters

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Marine security guard (MSG) watchstanders consolidated quarters are completely furnished in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of State and the U.S. Marine Corps. The Interiors and Furnishings Division in the Project Execution Office of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO/PE/IF) procures china, flatware, and kitchenware. Post provides other appropriate furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E). All items are funded by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), with reimbursement by the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC).

15 FAM 725.2 Separate Quarters

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Marine security guard personnel entitled to separate quarters receive furniture, furnishings, appliances, and equipment (FFA&E) as provided to State Department program employees at post.

15 FAM 726 THROUGH 729 UNASSIGNED

15 FAM EXHIBIT 723A

BASIC FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, APPLIANCES, AND EQUIPMENT (FFA&E) FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED RESIDENCES

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BASIC FFA&E

STANDARD ITEMS FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED RESIDENCES

Furniture as provided in State Department-contracted packages, including:

- Sofas
- Chairs
- Dining and kitchen tables
- Desks
- Buffets
- Coffee and end tables
- Bookcases
- China cabinets
- Mirrors
- Beds (including mattresses, box springs and frames)
- Wardrobes (as needed)
- Bureaus
- Side tables
- Dressers

Also:

- Rugs, carpets, and carpet pads
- Table and floor lamps, and normal lighting fixtures
- Draperies, curtains, blinds, or shades
- Cooking range (gas or electric)
- Refrigerator
- Washing machine and dryer, or shared laundry facilities

Smoke detectors

Fire extinguishers

Initial set of electric light bulbs

Electrical regulators, such as transformers and adaptor plugs, as necessary for U.S. Government-furnished equipment

15 FAM EXHIBIT 723B SUPPLEMENTAL FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, APPLIANCES, AND EQUIPMENT (FFA&E) FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED RESIDENCES

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SUPPLEMENTAL FFA&E

Water filters

Air-conditioners and evaporative coolers

Window, floor, and table fans

Humidifiers and dehumidifiers

Air cleaning devices

Portable heating appliances

Food freezers

Snow shovels, ladders, garden hoses, and other garden and
maintenance equipment

Chandeliers, decorative lighting fixtures, and sconces in appropriate
representational residences

Commercial cooking equipment (including exhaust hoods and ducts,
suppression systems, and control devices) in appropriate
representational residences

Garden, patio, porch, and terrace furniture

Window awnings, window screens, and mosquito netting

Vacuum cleaners

Floor polishers

Fireplace equipment

Additional items of basic FFA&E, such as:

Refrigerators

Ranges

Washing machines

Clothes dryers

Guidelines on the Provision of Supplemental FFA&E and Other Items

- a. The U.S. Government may provide supplemental FFA&E upon recommendation of the post interagency housing board (IAHB), with the approval of the single real property manager (SRPM) and principal representative of each agency. Provision is subject to the availability of post-held funds. The IAHB should establish a joint country policy, including the specific kinds and number of items for each residence, but with provisions for varying needs and special conditions. The supplemental FFA&E policy, as approved by the IAHB, must be included in the post housing guidelines.
- b. The U.S. Government may furnish other items in addition to those listed as basic and supplemental FFA&E, if the post IAHB and the SRPM establish among agencies utilizing the housing a joint policy that such items will be furnished routinely. Prior approval by the parent agency and regional bureau is required. In addition, Departmental furniture packages, including replacement items, must be used to the fullest extent possible.
- c. Food freezers may be provided for residences when the IAHB determines that conditions warrant. Prior regional bureau approval is required. The adequacy of the local electricity supply must also be determined. The following conditions are considered: isolated post location; lack of commissary services; long distance from shopping facilities; restricted seasonal availability of meat, seafood, etc., on the local market; and the need to import large quantities of food to supplement the local diet.